

DRAFT KHPA ADVISORY COUNCILS

The following Councils will serve in an advisory capacity to the KHPA Board and focus on issues of policy reform; the Councils will meet publicly and be staffed by employees of the KHPA. Senate confirmation of Council membership is not required. Membership will be determined during the months of January and February (2007) and Councils will begin meeting in March (options for determining membership described below). Councils will be given specific direction from the KHPA Board regarding policy recommendation requests commensurate with the Board's mission, vision principles, and strategic plan.

CONSUMER COUNCIL:

The Consumer Council will be an advisory body for the KHPA Board which will provide guidance on issues relevant to consumers, particularly regarding health care access, quality, affordability, sustainability, and health promotion. The KHPA may assign tasks for the Consumer Council, such as providing recommendations on health policies that the Board is reviewing to reflect consumer concerns and questions. In addition, the council shall assist in educating consumers to assume meaningful roles in the planning, implementation, and review of Authority policies and programs. Consumer Council membership will include individuals from across Kansas representing various consumer interests.

PROVIDER COUNCIL:

The Provider Council will be an advisory body for the KHPA board which will provide guidance on issues pertinent to health care providers regarding health care access, quality, affordability, sustainability, and health promotion. Responsibilities of the council include providing significant input on health policy that impacts providers and patients, recommend outreach to the provider and the medical community, and encourage provider participation in Authority programs. In addition, the council shall assist in educating health professionals to assume meaningful roles in the planning, implementation, and review of Authority policies and programs. Provider Council membership will include individuals from across Kansas representing various health care professional interests.

PURCHASER COUNCIL:

The Purchaser Council will be an advisory body for the KHPA board which will provide guidance on issues pertinent to health care purchasers and insurers regarding health care access, quality, affordability, sustainability, and health promotion. Responsibilities of the council include providing significant input on health policy that impacts employers, health insurers, and other purchasers of health and health care services. In addition, the council shall assist in educating purchasers to assume meaningful roles in the planning, implementation, and review of Authority policies and programs. Purchaser Council membership will include individuals from across Kansas representing various health and health care purchaser interests.

Options for Membership to Councils:

Membership on each of the Councils should include a diversity of opinion and perspective regarding health policy and health reform in Kansas. Council membership should be limited to no more than 11 to 15 members in order to maximize the opportunities for dialogue and debate among the membership of each Council. Members on each Council should serve specific terms, limited to no more than four years (terms may be initially staggered).

Option A. Membership for each Council will be determined by allowing invited consumer or professional organizations (to include employers, health providers, advocacy groups, etc) to delegate a member to the Council. This method would ensure participation by key associations and organizations. Membership to the Data Consortium follows along this model.

Option B. Membership for each Council will be determined by asking for nominations or applications from consumer or professional organizations (to include employers, health providers, advocacy groups, etc). The KHPA Board and/or staff will then select Council members from the list of names submitted. This method would ensure diverse participation by key associations, organizations, and individuals.

Option C. Membership for each Council will be determined by asking for nominations from KHPA Board members for each of the Councils. The KHPA Board and/or staff will then select Council members from the final list of names submitted. This method would also ensure diverse participation by key associations, organizations, and individuals.